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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In view of the May 30, 2001 filing date of this application, and having not received an Official Examination Action, we inquire as to the status of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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